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Marchant Schneider, Project Manager Loudoun County Department of Planning 1 Harrison Street, SE P.O. Box 7000 Leesburg, VA 20177



RE: SPEX 2009-0020 & CMPT 2009-0006 Loudoun Water Storage Facility

Dear Mr. Schneider:

The applicant is proposing a special exception and a commission permit for the use of a retired quarry pit to store water prior to treatment for distribution in Loudoun County's public water system. The proposal is one part of a future system that includes a new raw water intake and pump station on the Potomac River at River Creek, a raw water transportation line approximately 4 miles to the quarry, a new water treatment plant near the Dulles Greenway at Goose Creek Reservoir, and a two mile long raw water main between Quarry A and the future treatment plant. The current special exception and commission permit cover the use of Quarry A for water storage only; not the other components of the water treatment system. Town staff has reviewed the proposal, and we have the following comments:

- 1. The Town has no objections to use of Quarry A for water storage.
- 2. The raw water main from the Potomac River to the quarry passes through the town and will need a commission permit from the town.
- 3. Future special exception applications for the raw water lines associated the proposed water system should address appropriate protections for all streams that the pipe will cross to minimize environmental impacts. Similarly, the future special exception application should identify construction impacts to all roads and trails that the pipeline will cross.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this project. Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me at 703.771.2766.

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Sincerely,

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